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SUBJECT: REFORGER V

1. WE UNDERSTAND FROM USAREUR THAT THE MILITARY AIRLIFT COMMAND IS CONSIDERING CUTTING BACK ON THE AIRLIFT CAPACITY IT PLANS TO ASSIGN TO REFORGER V, CURRENTLY SCHEDULED TO TAKE PLACE FROM SEPTEMBER 29 TO NOVEMBER 22. UNDER CURRENT PLANS, MAC MAY CALL FOR THE DELETION OF 20 OF THE 150 PLANE LOADS WHICH USAREUR REQUESTED, A CUT OF OVER 13 PERCENT. USAREUR INFORMED US THAT THE 150 LOAD FIGURE IS THE MINIMUM CAPACITY NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THE FULL REFORGER COMMITMENT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE 1967 TRILATERAL UNDERTAKING. A REDUCTION OF 20 PLANE LOADS WILL OF COURSE MEAN WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO MEET THE COMMITMENT.

2. WE DO NOT RPT NOT KNOW HOW FAR ALONG MAC'S PLANNING FOR REFORGER V HAS PROGRESSED, BUT WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE USEFUL IF THE DEPARTMENT WERE TO LOOK INTO THE MATTER TO SEE WHETHER MAC'S CURRENT PLANNING WILL IN FACT AFFECT THE REFORGER V EXERCISES. GERMAN OFFICIAL AND PUBLIC OPINION CONTINUES TO PLACE GREAT IMPORTANCE ON THE REFORGER EXERCISES AS EVIDENCE OF OUR COMMITMENT TO EUROPEAN DEFENSE, AND WE WOULD WANT ADVANCE INFORMATION ABOUT ANY BUDGET OR OPERATIONAL PROBLEMS WHICH MAY LIMIT OUR ABILITY TO MEET THE FULL REFORGER COMMITMENT.

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